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## NEWS OF THE WEEK

**Forty Nine Miners Probably Killed by Explosion—Financial Trouble Ending—Big Houston Fire.**

Forty-nine men were buried last Sunday night by an explosion in a coal mine at Fayette City, Pa. While it is not sure that all are dead 25 bodies have been recovered, and no hope for any of the men is held out.

There is now no doubt that the financial trouble is over for the time being. It is still possible that there may be a labor disturbance, following the money panic, but that does not seem likely, and if it does not come there will be no very serious hard times for a while. The government has decided that there is no need for all the money it started to send out, and will issue only \$35,000,000 of certificates—much less than had been expected. Factories and business houses in the East and North which shut down when the panic started are opening up again, and advertising for men, and money has become so plentiful that loans have been made on the New York Exchange at three per cent, which is about as low as the price ever gets. There has been one more tragedy following the panic—another banker, the president of a Brooklyn institution, who has been indicted for theft and forgery, killed himself last Wednesday.

While the bids for the \$50,000,000 Panama canal bonds had not been awarded at the time this was written, it is known that the issue has been many times oversubscribed and that the prices will be considerably above those in the market and much better than had been hoped.

Mrs. Bradley, who killed Senator Brown of Utah, was found "not guilty" by a jury in Washington.

Secretary Taft's mother, who was ill about the time that he started for the Far East, is now in a serious condition again, and may not live till he gets home. The Secretary is now speeding across Northern Asia on a train, and will reach St. Petersburg soon. He will be home in less than two weeks, and when he gets back will have been entirely around the world since early in the fall.

The fighting between French troops and natives in Northern Africa has broken out again. A band of Moroccans attacked some soldiers in Algeria on last Wednesday, and killed eleven men. The French then rallied and drove the Moroccans off.

The second of the trials of the leaders of the Western Federation of Miners for planning the murder of ex-Gov. Steiensen of Idaho has begun in Boise City, that state. The man now on trial is George A. Pettibone. It is charged that the union had Steiensen killed because he enforced the law against it.

The Jamestown Exposition closed last Saturday and probably will not be re-opened next year, as has been suggested. There has been a heavy loss of money for the men running the fair, and only about 2,500,000 have seen it—less than a quarter as many as attended the St. Louis Fair.

Judge W. W. Murray of Huntington one of the most prominent Republicans in Tennessee, is dead.

The Canadian Parliament was opened at Ottawa last Thursday. The Oklahoma legislature met for its first session Monday, and the new state is now fully under way.

The second flotilla of U. S. torpedo boat destroyers left Norfolk for the Pacific Sunday afternoon. The battleship fleet will start from the same place about Dec. 15.

### LOCAL OPTION FIGHT WON

All right minded people will be glad to know that the attempt of the saloon keepers of Richmond and their friends to have another election held on local option has finally been defeated. Judge Turpin on Monday dismissed their petition for such an election in Richmond holding that as the city voted dry last March none could legally be held there for three years from that time.

The separate petition for a county vote Judge Turpin also held to be fatally defective, because, while in the county as a whole over 25 per cent of the voters had petitioned, in two precincts less than the 25 per cent had signed.

This means that, under the law, no further attempt can be made by the "wets" to re-open the saloons in Richmond for three years. The last petition was defeated by Mayor Woods, who published the names, and led a many people to remove their names that the petition was withdrawn.



### BOY BURNED TO DEATH

**U. S. Wyatt's Baby Catches From Open Fire—Mother Hurt Trying to Save Him.**

One of the most pitiful accidents of recent years near here occurred Tuesday when the two year old son of U. S. Wyatt was burned to death and his mother was also severely burned in attempting to save him.

The accident occurred in the morning. Stanley, the little boy, had been sitting with his mother in front of the hearth, when she went to answer the telephone, and then into the yard to take a message to her husband. When she went out the little boy started to follow, and his sister, who was in the room, says that his clothes caught as he scrambled down from his chair. The mother heard a cry as she was part way down the path, and turning, saw the child's clothes aflame. She rushed back and started to beat the flames out with her hands, but her own clothes caught fire, and she ran out of the house screaming. Her husband had started to go in, and met her. He threw her to the ground, literally tore the burning clothes from her, and beat out the fire. He then started to pick her up and take her to the house, not knowing that the child was alive. Just as he turned she moaned, "The baby, the baby," and he saw the little one sitting on the front step, with all its clothes burned.

It was too late to do anything for the child, except to ease its pain, and it died shortly after noon. The mother was badly burned about the hands, and had one bad burn on her body, but will recover and is now doing nicely.

The funeral of the little boy was held Wednesday afternoon, Dr. Thompson preaching. Several singers went down and took part in the services, to express in a way the sympathy which all in town feel for Mr. Wyatt in his deep sorrow.

The big tunnel under Lookout mountain at Chattanooga, Tenn., is at last cut through, the workmen having met at a point 1000 feet under the hotel on the Point. This tunnel is 3400 feet long and will be broad enough and high enough for four tracks to be laid. Far along in the tunnel a serious obstacle was met in the way of a great cavern which was so deep that it was found impracticable to attempt to fill in for the tracks, so a bridge will be built across it, a feat quite novel in railroad building. This cavern runs at right angles to the railroad and emerges in Alabama at a point 18 miles from where it intersects the tunnel.

One never knows himself till he has denied himself.

## CONGRESS MEETS

**President Sends Important Message—Presidential Candidates Getting Ready for Race.**

The sixtieth Congress of the United States met in Washington Monday and the work of organization was taken up. The message of Pres. Roosevelt was sent in as soon as the House was ready to receive it and as was expected, is one of the most important public documents of recent years. A full summary of it is given on another page and should be read by all who want to keep up with the politics of the country.

In spite of the important questions which are before the country it is likely that there will not be much important legislation during this session. Usually Congress hesitates to pass laws just before a presidential election, when they will not have time to be tried before the election, but will give rise to a good deal of hard talk and may hurt the party's chances.

The campaigns for the nominations for president are now on in earnest. The Democratic leader has practically been chosen already—Bryan, but the Republicans have many men any of whom would be a pretty good candidate and it will be hot work choosing. Secretary Taft, of course, is far in the lead and is the best man in sight, and the man closest to the President. Senator Foraker, of Ohio announced his candidacy last week. The senator shows that he is not in touch with the people by declaring that the railroad rate law has proved a failure and that the tariff should not be revised, and his announcement is not taken very seriously. It may make trouble for Mr. Taft in his home state however, and that is what it is intended to do by the men who are fighting Taft because he is the President's friend.

Speaker Cannon is also a well-known candidate, and he has been brought to the front during the week by the sending out of a proclamation addressed to all organized labor, calling on union men to fight him.

In the organization of Congress, Representative John Sharp Williams was chosen leader by the Democrats in the House, and Senator Culberson was chosen in the Senate. The Republican leaders are the same as before, Sen. E. Payne of New York, in the House and Senator Hale of Connecticut in the Senate.

Senator Culberson of Texas, has been suggested to head the Democratic Campaign Committee next year, and it is believed that he will be chosen in every way.

The opposition to Gov. Beckham as senator is growing stronger day by day, and the chances now seem to be that he will be defeated. He has only to lose the votes of four Democrats to lose his chance, and two of these have already been reported as having decided to vote against him. There is now no doubt, if there ever has been, that ex-Gov. Bradley will be the Republican nominee. Forty-six of the Republican legislators are pledged to him.

The President has decided to appoint Maurice Galvin Collector of Internal Revenue at Covington. The President's attention was called to Mr. Galvin by Chairman Ernst, and the appointment will strengthen the latter in the state.

The Republicans have won another point in their contest of the election at Lexington. The Democrats demanded to the petition of the Republicans, but the judge ruled them out, and the case will now go to the higher court. The Democrats are trying to delay the actual trial of the case.

## IN OUR OWN STATE

**French Acquitted at Beattyville—Louisville Strike Over—Movement for a New Home for Governor.**

B. Fulton French, who has been on trial in Beattyville for the murder of Dr. Marcus, was acquitted, on Thanksgiving day. There is no need of comment on this. He is very jubilant over the result of the trial and says that he is now out of all the cases against him, and that the he will have to pay a \$5,000 fine he will still have \$50,000 left. John Abner is still under indictment but it is likely that he will never be tried, because he is generally thought of as a tool of French's.

The tobacco war drags on, with the trust apparently gaining a little. Some farmers have sold their tobacco and got the money for it, and there are other signs that the society is getting tired. Also the trust has sent several hundred thousand dollars into the state and is paying cash, which gives it an advantage over the society, which is paying in certificates. There has been a little trouble but less than for some weeks past.

The street car strike in Louisville was declared off by the men late last week, and all tried to get their places back. About 175 were not able to do so, however, so that the strike has meant great hardship for them, and loss to all, and has done no one any good.

Gov. Beckham freed four convicts on Thanksgiving day, but their names have not been made public. He seems to have been ashamed of his action. None of the prison authorities would tell who the men were.

The oil prospectors in Indiana are coming south as the northern fields are giving out, and are flocking into Knox, Pike, Sullivan and Gibson counties of that state which fringe the Ohio river. It seems likely that in a few years Louisville may become one of the greatest oil markets in this country.

The movement in this state for a new home for the governor, to take the place of the ramshackle old building which has been used at Frankfort for 110 years, is gaining strength and it is likely that an appropriation will be made either during the coming session of the legislature or during the next one.

The special grand jury at London, Ky., returned an indictment Saturday against Robert Boyd, Jr. charging him with the willful murder of James Sparks. Judge Falkner declined to sit in the case, and on a writ of habeas corpus, tried before Circuit Judge M. J. Moss, Boyd was admitted to bail in the sum of \$10,000 which he promptly gave and was released. No date was set for the trial.

Charles C. McChord, recently defeated for Railroad Commissioner has been employed by Gov. Beckham at a salary of \$5,000 to conduct the rate cases against all railroads operating in Kentucky.

### OPPOSITION FOR EDWARDS

There are rumors that there will be opposition to the re-election of Congressman D. C. Edwards next year. They do not seem to have worried Mr. Edwards, and at any rate there is no doubt that whoever gets the nomination will have the undivided support of the party and be sure of election. If Caleb Powers should be acquitted he will probably be the strongest candidate. Others are James A. Warren, of Clinton, Judge Wallace Jones of Adair, Judge W. Scott Smith and former State Chairman James Newman of Monroe and County Attorney Walter Filppin of Wayne.

### THINGS TO THINK OF

'Tis worth a wise man's best of life, To lessen by a single one, The countless ills beneath the sun. Think the good and not the clever. Thoughts are seeds that grow forever. Honest labor has a lovely face. What we gave, we have, What we spent, we had, What we leave, we have lost.

## MONEY TALKS

**What is Meant by Double Liability of Stockholders.**

There are three ways in which the law makes any one safe who has money in a bank.

The first thing the law does is to compel the bank to have a large amount of capital or money of its own before allowing it to begin the business of banking other people's money for safe-keeping.

The second way in which the law makes any one safe who has money in a bank is to compel the bank to set aside ten per cent of its profits every year in a surplus fund which must be saved from year to year to cover any losses the bank may happen to have.

The third thing the law does is to make every stockholder personally responsible for the bank's debts up to an amount equal to his interest in the bank.

For example, the capital stock of the Berea Bank and Trust Company is fifty thousand dollars, its surplus fund is more than ten thousand dollars, and the law makes the people who own the bank's capital personally responsible for fifty thousand dollars more. So that the stockholders, who are the bank, would have to lose all of a hundred and ten thousand dollars before anyone who had left his money with the bank for safe-keeping could lose a penny.

As a matter of fact, in the whole six years since it began business, all the losses of the Berea Bank and Trust Company have amounted to less than two hundred dollars, or less than forty dollars a year.

When you stop to think that the earnings of the bank for this year are over five thousand dollars, that the bank has lost less than forty dollars a year, and then remember that the bank's capital and surplus amount to sixty thousand dollars, and that the combined wealth of the people who own its capital and who are personally responsible for the bank's debts is more than a million dollars, then you can begin to realize just how safe a bank the Berea Bank and Trust Company really is.

There are many advantages in carrying a bank account and paying all your bills by checks. If you are not now doing business with us, we invite you to come in and let us tell you more about our business. We are always glad to answer questions.

**Berea Bank & Trust Company.**

## POWERS' CHANCES GOOD

**Judge and Jury Seem Fair—No Damaging Testimony Yet Introduced.**

The trial of Caleb Powers is now well under way, and the plans and strength of the prosecution are now pretty well seen. It is almost certain that it has no new evidence against Powers, and that some of the evidence it has used before will not be presented. On the other hand, Powers has some new and startling evidence to produce, and says that when his turn comes there will be something doing right away. The jury which has been selected is fairly to him than any other that has tried him, and while there has been some fault found with some of the judge's rulings there is every sign that this trial will be a pretty fair one.

The jury was chosen on Thanksgiving Day, and the members are: J. W. Renaker, farmer, Democrat; Oddville; G. B. Hinkle, farmer, Republican; Corde; J. C. Lindner, painter, Republican; Crittenden; A. B. Jovett, farmer, Democrat; Williamstown; O. C. Colyer, carpenter, Republican, Mt. Zion; Barnett Franks, merchant, Democrat, Williamstown; Jas. A. O'Hara, druggist, Democrat, Williamstown; E. J. Marshall, farmer, Democrat, Stuartsville; John E. Race, farmer, Democrat, Heekin; Frank See, farmer, Democrat, Heekin; Thomas Robinson, farmer, Republican, Cross Roads; J. L. Price, Grant County, Democrat.

Four of these jurors are Republican and one of the Democrats said that he voted for the Republican candidate for Governor at the last election.

The charges of bias made against two of the Republican jurors, and mentioned last week, were sustained, and they were dropped from the jury.

As soon as the taking of testimony began it was seen that the prosecution was trying to make the case as sensational as it could. Altho the defense was willing to admit that the bullet was fired from the window of the office of the Secretary of State

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